## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT **DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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JOHN J. VAUGHN, GERALD A. KALBFLEISCH, MICHAEL HATHAWAY

Plaintiffs,

and MYRTLE HATHAWAY

Civil Action

v.

No. 04-10988-GAO

PUTNAM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC and PUTNAM RETAIL MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Defendants.

## DEFENDANTS' ASSENTED-TO MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SURREPLY IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO TAKE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITIONS

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(B)(3), Defendants Putnam Investment Management, LLC and Putnam Retail Management Limited Partnership ("Defendants") respectfully move this Court for leave to submit a surreply memorandum in further opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Enlarge Deposition Limit (filed on January 12, 2007, Docket No. 106). As grounds for this motion, Defendants state:

1. The proposed surreply memorandum addresses an important issue that Defendants could not have previously addressed. In response to Defendants' argument that Plaintiffs' motion fails to comply with L.R. 26.1(B), Plaintiffs' February 8, 2007 reply represents that "each plaintiff . . . has consented to the filing of the Motion . . . by completing a

As the Court is aware, L.R. 26.2(B) requires that "[a]ll requests for additional discovery events, extensions of deadlines, for the completion of discovery or for postponement of the trial must be signed by the attorney and the party making the request." (emphasis added.)

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certification." However, Defendants discovered during the February 12 and 13 depositions of the plaintiffs that the generic, undated "certifications" were signed as long ago as 2005, not in connection with the motion at issue -- and plaintiffs are ignorant of what the certifications mean, and of the motion at issue.

- 2. The proposed surreply memorandum quotes the relevant portion of Plaintiffs' reply, and summarizes and attaches the relevant excerpts of Plaintiffs' depositions.
- 3. The proposed surreply memorandum is attached hereto as Exhibit A. WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that this Court grant Defendants leave to submit the surreply memorandum in further opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Enlarge Deposition Limit.

## **LOCAL RULE 7.1(A)(2) CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that counsel for Defendants has

conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs who have assented to the requested relief.

Dated: February 16, 2007

Boston, Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 16, 2007 /s/David S. Clancy

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